

Wilmington, Delaware  
April 4, 2013

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Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
Wright

**WHEREAS**, by way of House Bill No. 9 an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Delaware was proposed during the 146<sup>th</sup> Session of Delaware General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 9 is the first leg of a Constitutional Amendment that eliminates the existing five-year waiting period before eligible felons who have fully discharged their sentences may have their voting rights restored; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 9 was adopted by at least two-thirds of all Members elected to each house of the General Assembly and also was supported by resolution of the 105<sup>th</sup> Session of Wilmington City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 10 is the second leg of the Constitutional Amendment that would eliminate the five-year waiting period before eligible felons may have their voting rights restored; and

**WHEREAS**, this Act, which is sponsored by State Representative Helene Keeley on behalf of the late Hazel D. Plant, was recently passed by a 32-9 bi-partisan vote by the Delaware House of Representatives and shall now be known as the "Hazel D. Plant Voter Restoration Act."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that Council fully supports the "Hazel D. Plant Voter Restoration Act" and further encourages all Senate members to vote to approve House Bill No. 10.

Approved as form this 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of April, 2013.

Thomas P. Caneel  
Assistant City Solicitor

Passed by City Council,  
April 4, 2013

Attest:

Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk